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SUBJ: IRANIAN OIL PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS: JANUARY

1. ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL DATA, CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN THE CON-SORTIUM AREA AVERAGED 4,610 MBPD DURING JANUARY (DOWN 15.5 PERCENT FROM 1976 AVERAGE). CONSORTIUM MEMBER COMPANIES EXPORTED 3,046.7 MBPD OF CRUDE (DOWN 21.7 PERCENT), AND NIOC'S DIRECT EXPERTS OF CRUDE REACHED 750.5 MBPD(DOWN 12.2 PERCENT). DURING JANUARY, 255 MBPD WERE DELIVERED TO ABADAN REFINERY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SORTIUM (I.E. SUBSEQUENT EXPORT).

2. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT NIOC AND THE JOINT VENTURES PRODUCED ABOUT 400 MBPD IN JANUARY (OFF 14.9 PERCENT), AND THAT THE JOINT VENTURES EXPORTED ABOUT 375 MBPD(DOWN 17.6 PERCENT).

3. TOTALING THE FIGURES ABOVE, TOTAL IRANIAN CRUDE OIL PRO-

DUCTION WAS 5,010 MBPD. CRUDE EXPORTS WERE ABOUT 4,170 MBPD
AND CONSORTIUM EXPORTS OF REFINED PRODUCTS WERE ABOUT 250 MBPD.

4. TOTAL EXPORTS (CRUDE PLUS PRODUCTS) AT 4.4 MILLION BPD ARE
OFF 1 MILLION BPD FROM 1976 AVERAGE. BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED DRAW-
DOWN OF EXCESS INVENTORIES DURING EARLY 1977, THE
REDUCTION IN EXPORTS WAS NOT, HOWEVER, AS GREAT AS HAD BEEN
EXPECTED BY MANY NIOC OFFICIALS. IRAN WOULD PREFER TO EXPORT
MORE AND THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AND UNCERTAINTY OVER
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OF NEXT FEW MONTHS, BUT MANY WHO HAVE
ADOPTED A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE (INCLUDING THE SHAH) MAY BE
MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY JANUARY RESULTS.
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